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Position Statement: Worker Health and Safety in the Adult Film Industry

The California Conference of Local AIDS Directors (CCLAD) is dedicated to improving the quality of services for HIV prevention and to minimize transmission of HIV in California.

CCLAD supports the concerns by the California STD Controller's Association (CSTDCA) in regards to the lack of sufficient STD/HIV prevention efforts that currently exist within the adult film industry.

CCLAD supports any and all regulations that lead to decreasing HIV transmission in the community. CCLAD supports the following CSTDCA recommendation:

- State and federal regulatory or legislative actions that would mandate the use of condoms in the production of adult films
- Mandatory medical monitoring and worker health safety training paid for by the industry that is consistent with disease incubation periods, exposed anatomic sites, and the performance characteristic of the diagnostic tests
- Creation of an amendment to California Health and Safety Code § 5193, Bloodborne Pathogens to add a new subsection that would mandate protections for workers in the adult film industry to prevent occupational exposures to bloodborne, and fecal pathogens and STDs
- Requirement that adult film production companies maintain records available for inspection with their Custodian of Record that includes their Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) compliant Exposure Control Plan and that documents that condoms were used in each production and that worker health and safety training was provided
- Requirement that adult film production companies provide employment records to the state or local health department in the course of any investigation of workplace transmission or exposure to infectious disease
- Increased federal, state, and local resources and support for local, state, and national legislation that would improve the ability of local health departments, state health departments, and OSHA to investigate and control occupational exposures to infectious diseases and enforce workplace regulations in a timely manner

- Prohibiting distribution and/or sales of adult films where condoms were not used by performers to hotels, cable television content providers, and others in commercial settings that make available to customers the viewing, sale, or distribution of films
- Mandatory labeling at the beginning of each film that states that the adult film was produced pursuant to OSHA requirements and that condoms were used in the production of the film
- Vigorous enforcement of existing OSHA, (i.e., the bloodborne pathogen standard), and other occupational standards to reduce exposure to infectious diseases within the adult film industry

This statement has been approved by CCLAD Executive Committee on February 1, 2011